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1. EMBOFF MET IN RIYADH DECEMBER 6 WITH CHIEF OF ROYAL DIWAN AHMED ABDUL WAHHAB TO REVIEW PREPARATIONS FOR SECRETARY'S VISIT. WAHHAB STATED THAT MORE COMPLETE PROGRAM INFORMATION WOULD BE AVAILABLE ON SATURDAY, WHEN AMBASSADOR AND DCM EXPECTED IN RIYADH. AS PRELIMINARY MATTER, HOWEVER, WAHHAB REPEATEDLY EMPHASIZED THAT IT WOULD BE MOST DESIRABLE IF SECRETARY COULD ARRIVE RIYADH DDCEMBER 14 AT 1700 RPT 1700 HOURS LOCAL (1400 GMT). REASON FOR THIS APPEARS TO BE THAT CROWN PRINCE KHALID AND MININTERIOR PRINCE FAHD WISH TO HOST DINNER FOR SECRETARY IN DESERT BEDOUIN STYLE. KING WOULD NOT ATTEND, BUT TOP LEVELS OF ROYAL FAMILY AND OTHER DIGNITARIES WOULD BE PRESENT.

2. SECRETARY'S MEETING WITH KING FAISAL SET FOR 2030 HOURS LOCAL (1730 GMT). WAHHAB STRESSED THERE NO FLEXIBILITY ON THIS TIME.

3. ABDUL WAHHAB HAS ASKED FOR FOLLOWING INFORMATION AND HOPES TO RECEIVE IT ON SATURDAY, DECEMBER 8:

(A) LIST OF THOSE U.S. OFFICIALS WHO WILL ATTEND MEETING
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WITH KING.

(B) SECRETARY'S OFFICIAL PARTY (IN RANK ORDER); FUNCTIONAL

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TITLES SHOULD BE GIVEN.

(C) PRESSMEN AND WHO THEY REPRESENT.

(D) CREW LIST.

(E) LIST GIVING ALL OTHER OUT-OF-COUNTRY VISITORS IN SECRETARY'S PARTY.

ABOVE LISTS SHOULD INCLUDE PASSPORT NUMBERS, DATES OF BIRTH, AND COUNTRIES OF BIRTH IF POSSIBLE. IF THIS CANNOT ALL BE DONE, EMBASSY WOULD APPRECIATE RECEIVING AT LEAST THOSE NAMES REQUESTED PARAS (A), (B), AND (C).

4. WAHHAB ASSURED EMBOFF OF DIWAN'S COMPLETE COOPERATION, AND ADDED THAT CLOSE LIAISON NOW ESPECIALLY IMPORTANT BECAUSE DIWAN IS CONCURRENTLY DEALING WITH GOVERNMENT'S MOVE TO JIDDA WHICH SCHEDULED FOR DECEMBER 16. EMBOFF ASSURED WAHHAB THAT OUR COOPERATION/UNDERSTANDING WERE TOTAL.
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